

The signature is an indecipherable scrawl, that looks like an attempt to write Cornelis.

No account has been found of the death of Jannetje Joris, the widow of Cornelis Doremus.

Second Generation.

Cornelis Doremus and Jannetje Joris had children:

- 2 I. Cornelis, b. in Middelburg;¹ m. Rachel Pieterse (b. and l. at Bergen), Aug. 12, 1710, at Bergen. He lived on the Wesel road, next north of Crooks avenue, but afterwards removed to Peckamin river, near Cedar Grove. He was elected a deacon in the Acquackanonk church in 1730, being the first of the name to hold office in the church. Having been elected constable in 1756, he modestly declined to serve, and was fined five shillings for his failure to qualify.
- 3 II. Johannes, b. in Middelburg; m. Elizabeth A. Akkermans, Aug. 19, 1709; she was b. at Bergen and lived at Hackensack at the time. In 1754 the Legislature passed an act to naturalize Johannes Doremus.² Was this the same person? He settled at Lower Preakness as early as 1717, probably,³ but in his latter days seems to have lived at Paramus, where he resided when he made his will, which bears date July 5, 1754, and is witnessed by Deyrick Dey, Nicholas Kip and Philip Schuyler; it was proved Feb. 7, 1758. He gives his wife Elisabeth all his estate, with power to sell; the remainder to go as follows: to son Cor-

¹ That Cornelis was the eldest son appears from the special legacy given him in his father's will, evidently for his birthright. The record of his marriage states that he was born in Middelburg.

² N. J. Archives, XVI., 474.

³ In a deed from the legal representatives of the heirs and devisees of Thomas Hart, late of London, deceased, to Derrick Dey, Oct. 9, 1717, for 600 acres of land at Lower Preakness, the tract is described as "beginning at the southeast corner of Johannes De Riemers land on Singhack brook," and from the rest of the description it would seem that Doremus must have owned at least 200 acres.—*Bergen County Deeds*, C, 139. The spelling De Riemer, in this deed, was doubtless the work of a New York attorney, to whom that name was familiar as belonging to a prominent family in that city. It is the only instance where Doremus was so metamorphosed.